

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Claims 2, 13 and 15-19 are rejected; and claims 4, 8 and 12 are objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 2 and 15-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over WO 03/035734 A1 (WO '734). WO '734 was cited as disclosing a silver halide material including a UV absorber within the scope of Formula (I) of claim 2, citing Examples B1-B7 and paragraphs [0001]-[0032], [0119] and [0304]. See corresponding U.S. Patent No. 2005/0169859 A1.

Claims 15, 16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over EP 277509 for reasons of record.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,117,629 to Yamashita et al. and EP '509 for reasons of record.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent 6,361,932 to Parton et al. and U.S. Patent 5,068,171 to Morigaki et al. for reasons of record.

Claims 15, 16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Morigaki et al for reasons of record.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita et al. or Parton et al., both in view of U.S. Patent 6,555,305 to Vargas et al. and U.S. Patent 5,192,646 to Merkel et al. for reasons of record.

Claims 15, 16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 5,108,888 to Ikegawa et al. or U.S. Patent 5,478,712 to Singer et al. for reasons of record.

In response, claims 4, 8 and 12 objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form have been rewritten as new claims 20, 21 and 22, respectively.

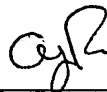
Claims 2, 4, 8, 12, 13 and 15-19 have been canceled without prejudice.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 20-22 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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